

FY2015 CHNA&HIP Progress Report

Taylor County

Community Health Improvement Plan

GOAL	Strategies	Progress on Strategies
Mental Health Services - Increase the number of health care providers who screen for development, stress and caregiver depression.	More face-to-face encounters asking providers to incorporate assessment and referrals.	We now have a full time 1st Five Healthy Mental Development Coordinator. She has made visits to all the medical clinics in the county. All clinics have signed a letter of commitment to survey & refer for concerns with development, stress and caregiver depression. 3 of the 4 clinics are trained in ASQ developmental screening.
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Environmental Hazards - 1) Drinking water protection: Increase the number of private water wells tested and rehabilitated, if needed. Grants-to-Counties provides funding for private water well testing for E-coli, nitrates and total coliform bacteria. 2) Increase number of homes tested for elevated radon levels and mitigated, if needed. 3) Onsite wastewater: Assure more septic systems are inspected and upgraded/repared; educate homeowners regarding potential contamination. 4) Lead poisoning	1) Distribute brochures and posters about quality of private water wells, testing, rehabilitation of wells throughout the county, including ISU Extension, hardware stores; articles in newspapers.	Environment Health Department continues to educate the public through newspaper articles, brochures and displays at the courthouse & hardware stores in Bedford & Lenox, National Public Health Week
	2) Apply for available radon grants yearly. Promote radon testing during National Radon Action Month (January) using displays, radio public service announcements, press release through newspapers.	Environmental Health Department continues to educate the public through newspaper articles, brochures and displays at the county fair and courthouse. The radon grant is no longer an appropriate funding source for this outreach activity.
	3) Time of Transfer requires that septic systems be inspected; this requirement will continue. Educate public of potential for health hazards with inappropriate systems through use of newspaper articles and brochures	Environmental Health Department continues to educate the public through newspaper articles, brochures and displays at the county fair and courthouse & Public Health Week.

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	4) Agency will continue to offer lead level testing for children 12 months, 18 months and 2-5 years of age annually. Continue to educate homeowners of the importance of keeping their homes in better repair to eliminate potential lead exposure.	Annual letters to homeowners where a child was found to have an elevated blood lead level were sent. We discontinued our practice of providing blood lead testing in our office due to cost. Families are directed to their medical home and/or WIC for this service. Families are screened for blood lead testing during EPSDT Informing and Care Coordination calls. Outreach to local doctors, WIC & general public, National Public Health Week.
	Rotate responsibility for distributing literature (pamphlets, posters, etc.), press releases to newspapers, public service announcements to radio stations, etc., regarding all health issues	RNs & HCAs have distributed pamphlets & posters as they are out & about for their home visits throughout the county. Environmental Health, MCH, Home Health & Women's Health have all submitted press releases for the local papers